

## 1624 Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2011 – King East Office

### Attendees:

Ramsey Graham, Carmen Miranda; Casandra Fields, Joel Odimba, Stephanie Allison-Noone, Doreen Holze, Allen Taylor Kenney, Tess Thomas, Ronald Pomerantz, Ruth Pomerantz, Linda Cunningham, Stephanie Swallow, Demetria Fields, Lee Grogg, John Britt, Celeste Carey, Ruben Reeves, Juan Miranda, Ivory Haywood, Mary Byrd, Ollie Slack, Gia Wesley

| AGENDA ITEM                                     | DISCUSSION SUMMARY   | DECISIONS | ASSIGNMENTS | DUE DATES | LEADS |
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| Foster Parent Representatives Elections Results | <p>Stephanie Allison-Noone shared that two foster parents had been nominated. However, one of the candidates had to drop out due to personal reasons.</p> <p>Talya Miller will join Tess Thomas in representing the 1624 Region 2 south hub caregivers at the state-wide 1624 meetings.</p>  |           |             |           |       |
| Educational Services Resource Booklets          | <p>Copies of the DSHS publication Education Advocacy Guide for Caregivers booklets were handed out to those in attendance that wanted a copy.</p> <p>The booklet provides information on roles and responsibilities for youth, caregivers, parents and social workers, as well school stability and enrollment, school discipline and many other topics.</p> |           |             |           |       |

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| <p>Dept. of Health immunization requirements</p> | <p>Gia Wesley shared updated on the requirements for immunizations for children in foster care.</p> <p>Gia handed out an Immunization FAQ sheet.</p> <p>Questions were asked about what laws required immunizations. Gia explained that they are recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The WA State Dept. of Health receives federal dollars and follows the recommendations of the CDC.</p> <p>Gia also explained that these requirements have been in place since 2009. However, some foster homes are just now experiencing the requirements because they had been licensed prior to 2009.</p> <p>There will be many more conversations around this issue as questions are raised and policies developed around immunizations.</p> <p>Once question asked was:</p> <p>What would happen if you have a foster child (0-2) that was immunized, but children in the home aren't? Would that be acceptable? Answer – no, not with</p> | <p>A recommendation was made that a form be created for doctors to sign regarding immunizations.</p> <p>Foster parent could take the form to the doctor for signature.</p> <p>RFTI – have Cora Phillips come talk about the requirement.</p> | <p>Will need to be elevated to state level by foster parent reps.</p> <p>Stephanie Allison-Noone to contact Cora.</p> |  |  |
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|                        | <p>our current placement system.</p> <p>Doesn't CA and the school districts have the same standards for immunizations? Unknown every district in the state would need to be contacted to find out their requirements.</p>   |   |                                |  |  |
| Foster Parent Training | <p>New foster parents are required to take 36 hours of SCOPE training. If foster parents are already licensed they must complete their SCOPE training within four years.</p> <p>The concern is the scheduling of classes. Times and dates classes held don't work with many foster parents' schedules.</p> <p>Foster parents would like to see a broader offering of training classes for licensed foster parents. It's the same classes over and over.</p> | <p>Cora Phillips to be invited to the next R2 South Hub 1624 meeting to address the issue of training classes for foster parents.</p> | <p>Stephanie Allison-Noone</p> |  |  |

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| <p>Respite</p> | <p>Foster parents expressed that they are not able to find suitable individuals to provide respite for themselves.</p> <p>It was determined that a work group needed to be formed to develop a process for foster parents to request respite, and well as be able to find out how many respite hours are available to them.</p> <p>Stephanie Swallow shared that she is getting calls from people who only want to provide respite.</p> <p>There was also discussion around whether or not privately licensed foster parents and state licensed foster parents can trade respite care when payment isn't an issue. This question will be elevated to the state level.</p> <p>Celeste Carey provided input saying that when the discussion takes place about borrowed beds that the private agency and/or private agency foster parents need to be at the meeting.</p> | <p>Tess Thomas, John March, Ruben Reeves, Gia Wesley, Ivory Haywood, Shawntee Johnson and John Allen were recommended and/or volunteered to be part of this work group.</p> <p>Talya Miller and Tess Thomas will bring this up at the state-wide 1624 meeting.</p> | <p>John March, A.A. for placement in the south hub will attend the next 1624 meeting and work on developing a system for foster parents.</p> <p>The work group should have representatives from the north hub so that all of R2 respite is handled the same way.</p> <p>Joel Odimba and John March will meet 12-9-11, to begin the process to provide information to foster parents on individuals who can provide respite.</p> <p>John March and John Allen will send respite provider information out to the foster parents in both the north and south hub of R2, before the next 1624 meeting in March.</p> |  |  |
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| Updated Income Requirements                        | The updated income requirements are published by the federal government.   | A copy of the updated requirements will be sent out to foster parents with the next R2 1624 mailing. |  |  |  |
| WA State Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) | <p>Ramsey Graham spoke about SEAC. Ramsey is the OSPI foster parent representative to this committee.</p> <p>Contact Ramsey with information on how school districts are working with you and your Special Ed foster kids – good or bad. You can contact Ramsey at <a href="mailto:ramz@skynetbb.com">ramz@skynetbb.com</a>.</p> <p>You can read more about SEAC at <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/SEAC">www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/SEAC</a></p> |  |  |  |  |

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| DLR Issues              | <p>Talya Miller, Tess Thomas and Gia Wesley have been meeting to go over and resolve issues experienced with DLR.</p> <p>Foster parents had questions about who to talk to about issues. Gia discussed how DLR is structured.</p> <p>Gia also spoke about the merging of what was Region 3 and Region 4 in to Region 2, and how she and Bob King (north hub), are working through the interpretation of the different practices in regional licensor meetings.</p> |  |  |  |  |
| State-wide 1624 Meeting | Tess Thomas recapped the last state-wide 1624 meeting.   |  |  |  |  |
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